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Rev. Norman Cooley Eddy

A Driver's Life of Service to the Community of East Harlem





Dear AFS Friend,

Welcome to the May 2010 issue of the *AFS Janus*. This issue honors AFS Life Trustee Reverend Norman C. Eddy and his service to the neighborhood of East Harlem, highlighting the transformative power of volunteerism and its effects on an entire community. His lifework exemplifies the mission of AFS, which encourages people to act as global citizens working for peace and understanding in a diverse world.

We also profile the AFS Asia-Pacific Initiative (AAI) as they celebrate two decades of extraordinary program growth. AAI's motto is, "Think Global. Act Local," and they now represent nearly 25 percent of AFS program operations worldwide. In the past 20 years, AAI's work has provided AFS Partners in the Asia-Pacific region with effective training and a framework for sharing knowledge and experience.

The AFS International Diversity Scholarships, funded by a generous gift from the Hassler family, provide support for a diverse group of applicants who could not have participated in AFS without a scholarship. Since 2002, the Hassler Trusts have enabled AFS Partners to increase the diversity of AFS participants in their countries.

Francisco "Tachi" Cazal, the president of AFS International, reports on a first-ever AFS Innovation Meeting, which took place in March in San Francisco, CA, USA. The meeting, organized by AFS International, brought together AFS leaders from 18 countries to collaborate on many new projects and to identify opportunities within the AFS Network for more innovative and creative approaches to current programs and processes.

AFS finds its strength in its volunteers, friends, and Returnees and we now turn to you to ask for your support. As with each issue of the *AFS Janus*, you will find a contribution envelope enclosed and we hope that you will use it to make a gift to the Annual Fund for AFS International.

Enjoy this issue of the *AFS Janus*. As always, we look forward to your comments.

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Hundreds of friends gathered in New York City to celebrate Rev. Norman Cooley Eddy's (Norm) 90th birthday on February 26th and February 27th, first at the Interchurch Center and the next day at The Church of the Resurrection, East Harlem Protestant Parish. Numerous speakers attested to Norm's accomplishments as when Jose Vida, a professor of political science, said, "This is a man whose deeds do the talking." The establishment of The Margaret and Norman Eddy Program Center for Spiritual Coordination and Community Well-Being was announced during the celebrations. The vision of the Center includes a curriculum that will train pastors and other urban faith leaders in the skills of spiritual coordination (the spirituality of community organizing and compassionate action) and biblical storytelling. The Center will also endow a faculty position, provide support for special retreats, organize a retired minister's network, and support other programs at the New York Theological Seminary.

An AFS ambulance driver during World War II, Norm is a Life Trustee of AFS Intercultural Programs, Inc. Living in the same East Harlem neighborhood in New York City for more than four decades, Norm is a member of the clergy and ardent champion of people in need. Just as



Norm Eddy (second from right) helping an Austrian woman into his ambulance, Austria, May of 1945. Photo by Irving Penn.



Norm and an East Harlem community member

On the cover: Norm Eddy in Austria, May of 1945

Photo by Irving Penn.

Insert 1: The Rev. Norm Eddy, ca. 1966

Insert 2: Norm Eddy and Shirley Rumierk, AFS Returnee (US to Bolivia 1995) at the 1997 United Nations luncheon, New York

AFS focuses on communities, he has immersed himself in his own community, becoming involved in causes that educate and improve the quality of life for his neighbors and as an outspoken proponent for improved social policy.

Norm was born in New Britain, CT, on February 9, 1920. He attended the Pomfret School and graduated in 1937. Norm's experience with other cultures began in 1937 when he attended the Stowe School in Buckingham, England, on a scholarship through the English Speaking Union. He is a graduate of Yale and of the Union Theological Seminary. He was ordained at the South Church in New Britain, CT, in May of 1951. He moved to East Harlem and served as pastor of the 100th Street Parish of the East Harlem Protestant Parish, director of its Narcotics Committee, where the

first beds for addicts in New York City were established, coordinator of East Harlem Interfaith, chairman of the East Harlem Tenement Task Force and Community Urban Center, and director of the New York City Mission Society's East Harlem Unit. He married Margaret "Peggy" Lindsay Ruth, a fellow seminary student, in 1950. She was equally committed to issues of social justice and social action through education, peer counseling, and biblical storytelling. They had three children, Rebecca Ruth Eddy Feurstein, Timothy Robbins Eddy, and Martha Hart Eddy. Margaret Eddy passed away in 1990.

In 1941, Norm and his roommate at Yale knew that they were going to be drafted, and looked for an alternative to being a soldier. Norm learned about the AFS on campus and went to the AFS Beaver Street

office in New York City to volunteer. In a 2002 Legacy Project interview, he explained his motivation: "I wasn't quite a conscientious objector; I just didn't want to kill people. And so when I discovered the American Field Service, it was the perfect answer, because I wanted to defeat Hitler, be part of the defeat of Hitler, but I didn't want to kill anybody." Norm joined AFS on December 8, 1941, and was sent overseas with the AFS Unit ME 4 and also served in CM 88. Upon his arrival in the Middle East, he was attached to the AFS 485 Ambulance Company with the British Eighth Army. Between February of 1942 and August of 1945 he served in Syria, Egypt, Libya, and Italy. Norm recalled his war experiences in the Legacy interview: "Shortly after the battle of El Alamein, the Germans had come over and had dropped a

bomb and it was early morning. We saw tremendous flames begin to shoot out and we saw British soldiers throwing sand on the fire trying to stop it and then we heard yells and screams for 'Ambulance! Ambulance! Ambulance!' I looked around and I didn't see any ambulance anywhere near me. Some of my friends jumped in ambulances and went out there. Men had been killed and others were wounded. They just were very calm and heroic and put the wounded into the ambulances and brought them back to our medical resources and out of danger from the explosions that were going on—just huge flames and bang! bang! bang!"

In the summer of 1943, as the AFS ambulances returned from Palmyra (Syrian Desert), Norm had a spiritual experience on the road to Damascus. He recounts that he was engulfed by the love, truth, and beauty of the divine and he experienced the unity of all creation even in the midst of the horrible war. From that experience, Norm's purpose in life became clear to him—to live by the Holy Spirit and to uncover the light

of God within himself and all others. Elected director of the AFS Intercultural Programs in 1949 and a Life Trustee in 1966, Norm's AFS volunteer service extends for more than 60 years. He spoke about his belief in AFS in a 1999 letter to Wayne Edwards: "Ever since Stephen Galatti started the student exchange program after World War II, I have known it as one of the best nonprofit organizations building worldwide understanding by connecting youths and their families across international boundaries. Whenever I see faces of AFS exchange students in person or in photographs, my heart is touched and my hopes are raised."

A fitting tribute comes from Arthur Howe, Jr., WWII driver and AFS International Life Trustee, who wrote, "I have never known, in a long and privileged life of divine connection, a finer human being. For me, he epitomizes the values most respect: selfless service, wisdom, loyalty, and goodwill. I know what he has meant to AFS when people I meet around the globe regularly speak of him with affection and respect." O



1. Oscar Arias, the Nobel Peace Prize winner and current Costa Rican president, José Ramón Chavarría, and Norm Eddy at the 40th anniversary of AFS Costa Rica, San Jose, October 1995.
2. Norm and wife Margaret Ruth Eddy volunteer at a community street sweeping event, 1950s.
3. Norm blows out candles on his birthday cake at AFS International, New York, March 2, 2010.
4. Norm and daughter Martha Hart Eddy at the February 26, 2010 event.



AAI:

A Powerful Engine for Growth in the Asia-Pacific Region



AAI Annual Meeting and 20th Anniversary,
April 16-18, 2010, Bali, Indonesia.

The AFS Asia-Pacific Initiative (AAI) comprises a kaleidoscope of countries, cultures, and languages from the region and convened in Bali, Indonesia, to mark its 20th anniversary. Founded by AFS Partners from Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, and Thailand, and led by the AFS President's Award Honoree, Bin Sato, this collaborative organization had much to celebrate.

Inspired by several World Congress gatherings that focused mainly on global AFS issues, the Partner Directors and Partner Chairs from Asia felt a strong need to deepen mutual understanding specific to the region and strengthen cooperation among regional Partners. In January 1991, the organization was launched with the motto, "Think Global, Act Local."

A volunteer-based organization, AAI meets annually for three days, with different member countries hosting the meetings, to discuss key issues and agree on joint action plans for the region. This year, AFS Volunteers, Partner Directors, Partner Chairs, Trustees, and Staff participated in a meeting that set four priorities, addressing some of the key opportunities to provide growth and sustainability to the region and the AFS Network as a whole:

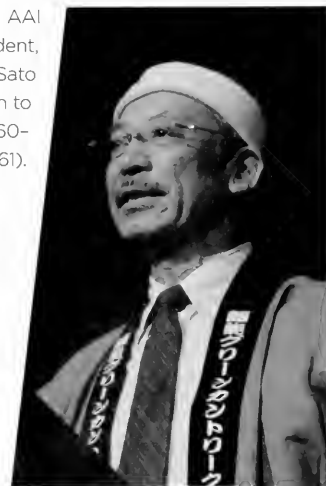
- Reposition AAI as an English language hub;

- Build and expand intra-regional exchange between AAI Partners;
- Build the AFS brand in the AAI region as the "go-to" expert on intercultural awareness; and
- Collaborate across the region in strengthening the leadership and professional capability of staff of all AAI Partners.

Combined with this Annual Meeting, AFS Intercultural Programs presented two training sessions for Strategic Pricing and Volunteer Leadership. The sessions were attended by representatives from Belgium, China, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Japan, South Africa, and Thailand. The trainers represented the United States, Italy, New Zealand, Malaysia, and Switzerland. The Strategic Pricing Session presented ways for Partner leadership to increase their awareness of how the pricing of AFS programs can be used to improve financial health within their organizations. The Volunteer Leadership Training included such topics as team building and people management, intercultural sensitivity, and the sharing of best practices in sending and hosting programs. As Bin Sato, the president of AAI, said, "AAI started small, but has grown large. AAI today shares 24-25 percent of program operations in the AFS Network as this AAI region

of Asia-Pacific covers more than 60 percent of the world population with rich human and natural resources as well as diversified cultures." Now with 10 members and the potential for more, AAI addresses issues such as innovation in program development, fundraising activities and strategies, and strategic planning as an integral part of the agenda. The next meeting will be at the World Congress in Argentina in October 2010. The Conference culminated on Saturday, April 17th with a cultural tour of Bali and the AAI Anniversary Celebration Dinner. ○

AAI
President,
Bin Sato
(Japan to
USA 1960-
1961).



AFS International
Diversity Scholarships:

Gifts to Last a Lifetime



Alejandro Rojas (left), an AFS Diversity Scholar from Costa Rica,
with two friends in China

A brother and sister,
Robert C. Hassler
and Laura M.

Hassler of Cleveland, OH, USA, unbeknownst to AFS, established in 1968 a charitable remainder trust naming AFS International as one of their beneficiaries. Thirty-three years later, in 2001, AFS International was notified that the last member of the Hassler family had died and income would be forthcoming from the trusts. AFS had no record of the Hasslers ever being AFS participants, a host family, or AFS volunteers. After inquiring of many volunteers in the Cleveland area, Tom Duke, a longtime AFS volunteer himself, remembered the Hasslers and that Wilson Caldwell, also an AFS volunteer, host father, and sending father, was the Hasslers' lawyer. While the Hasslers were never directly involved in AFS themselves, they learned about the work of AFS through Mr. Caldwell, who told them about AFS and its intercultural exchange programs.

Laura Hassler was a German teacher in the Cleveland area public schools for 50 years and was always interested in children and education. The Hasslers' wills indicated that their money be used "to provide scholarship assistance to qualified and worthy young people from the United States and countries throughout the world to participate in the programs of AFS in a secondary school or living experience, any place where it conducts such programs." The use of the Hassler funds is therefore restricted

to purposes that respect this designation.

Starting in 2002, AFS began offering the AFS International Diversity Scholarships using the funds received from the Hassler Trusts. The grants are intended to encourage and enable AFS Partners to increase the diversity of AFS in their countries and add to the cultural and socioeconomic mix of AFS participants.

The scholarships are awarded in an annual competition organized by AFS International that is designed to attract applications from Partners that meet the requirements of increasing the diversity of the AFS applicant pool.

Making Dreams Come True

The AFS International Diversity Scholarships have made dozens of young men's and women's dreams come true over the past eight years and will continue to do so in the future. The scholarship recipients could not have gone on an AFS exchange program without the financial support provided by the AFS International Diversity Scholarships. There are many stories of truly remarkable experiences and adventures made possible by the scholarships.

In 2006, Victoria Portillo, a member of the indigenous population of Paraguay and a speaker of Guarani and Spanish, traveled to Egypt on a Diversity Scholarship for her exchange program. She faced the challenge of having to communicate in English and Arabic in her host country. She embraced that challenge

with great courage and enthusiasm and during her stay in Egypt said, "I thought Guarani was a difficult language to learn until I encountered Arabic. I still don't speak Arabic very well, but I am making every effort to learn it before I leave Cairo. During my AFS program here, I have learned things that will stay with me all my life. I have cherished the opportunity to learn about Egypt's impressive culture and religion."

"On our way back home, our bus got stuck between France and Belgium. Everyone was tired, hungry, and complaining. It was the best weekend ever!"

Susan Makete from South Africa saw her dream come true when she received an AFS International Diversity Scholarship to go on an AFS program to Belgium in 2008. "A scholarship program is what I have always dreamt about," Susan wrote, "I think that it would not have been better with any other organization but AFS." Mid-year through her stay in Belgium, Susan wrote, "My family has been really helpful throughout my stay here. They are all pleased

by the fact that I can follow their conversation and they no longer have to speak English to me. We were in Paris yesterday. We went to see the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, and Sacre-Coeur. On our way back home, our bus got stuck between France and Belgium. Everyone was tired, hungry, and complaining. It was the best weekend ever!"

In 2009, Alejandro Rojas from Cartago, Costa Rica, was awarded an AFS Diversity Scholarship to China. Alejandro, the first Costa Rican AFS participant to go to China, could not have done so without the support of the scholarship fund. AFS in Costa Rica was eager to initiate intercultural exchanges with China and found a good match in Alejandro. Shortly after arriving in China, he wrote about his experience:

"When my arrival to Tianjin was close, I started feeling nervous because I was going to meet my host family, the people I was going to live with during my exchange year. For opening up their home to me, I already appreciated and loved them, because I think it is not easy to live with a person you have never met before. I am not going to forget when I saw a paper with my name at the train station and then three people, my host family!"

"These past months, I have experienced many feelings, but always my host family and friends have helped me to feel comfortable. Chinese is a hard language to learn, but I think that the hardest things to do are the best. Of course, at the beginning I didn't understand anything, but with time and study, my skills improved. The cultures are so different, the relationship between men and women, the way people behave, 'everything' is so different and so fascinating at the same time that the only thing I can do is enjoy it." Much more can be said about a scholarship program that allows these stories to be written—stories that are as varied and inspiring as the scholarship recipients themselves. Throughout these past eight years, the AFS International Diversity Scholarship Fund has been expanded through the generosity of the leaders of the AFS Network via the silent auctions during AFS World Congresses and through contributions made by AFS International staff campaigns. If you would like to contribute to the AFS International Diversity Scholarship Fund, please do so using the contribution envelope attached in this issue of the *AFS Janus* and take part in making more dreams come true. O

Susan Makete (left) from South Africa with her host sister Sofie in Belgium.



Victoria Portillo (left) from Paraguay in Egypt with her host mother and brother.





Letter from the AFS International President

*“Creativity is thinking up new things.
Innovation is doing new things.”*

Theodore Levitt

As the AFS Ambulance Drivers met 63 years ago to decide what was to become of their volunteer organization, they may not have known that they were taking a big step toward creating the future of intercultural education exchanges.

They did not only create a “new thing,” but they set themselves the task of “doing” a new thing, to move from thinking to action, and thus making today’s AFS a reality. In 1971, when AFS opened up its programs for multinational exchanges, the organization once again experienced the jolt of vitality that innovation can bring. It happened again in the 1990s, when the 18+ Community Service Program was launched.

To continue this innovative and creative thinking, a group of 32 AFS leaders from 18 countries met in San Francisco, CA, USA, in March 2010 for a first-ever AFS Innovation Meeting.

AFS International brought together key players to advance such concrete projects as the AFS World Café—a virtual platform to sustain, support, connect, and develop the global AFS community—and to identify opportunities within our worldwide network to allow for more innovative approaches to current and new AFS projects and processes. Participants identified several “key learnings”:

- One size does not fit all: Innovations or solutions follow a holistic approach, and are related to the circumstances or environment of the particular user, customer group, or organization.
- Seeking consensus can kill innovation.
- Innovation involves change management: To achieve cultural shift, well-considered communications, and advocates for the project, which will reassure people that intrinsic cultural values will be maintained.
- Trust is built by cooperation: This includes opportunities to connect and collaborate on concrete projects, and to share information and ideas. A common mission is a powerful way to foster cooperation and increase levels of trust.

These are exciting ideas that we can apply in our day-to-day work, especially in the current economic framework that is presenting great challenges. It has been a tough year for many nonprofit organizations, and AFS is not exempt from the strains caused by the contraction of the world economy. Our program numbers were impacted last year by this new reality with a small reduction compared to 2008, but we are committed to program growth and to continuing to provide financial support to our participants. We thank you for your support in the past, and especially in the future, as we work to remain competitive and innovative.

Francisco “Tachi” Cazal
President and CEO, AFS Intercultural Programs, Inc.

Exceptional AFS Volunteers Receive the Galatti Award

The Stephen Galatti Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service recognizes the extraordinary accomplishments of dedicated volunteers. This year, AFS honors four recipients:



**Maria Teresa
Basualdo
(Argentina)**

Maria Teresa has been a host mother multiple times beginning in 1991 when she hosted a boy from Australia. Her two daughters are AFS Returnees who went to New Zealand and Italy. Since she joined the General Roca Chapter in Rio Negro, she has been an enthusiastic leader in the region. As former chair of the AFS Argentina Board and a key volunteer in the Strategic Planning Operative Group, she has made use of her special expertise as a trainer for Argentina and the Southern Cone region, spreading her knowledge and working tirelessly with a team revising Volunteer Development efforts.



**Robert
Kaminker
(France)**

Robert and his wife, Claude, founded a local chapter in 1983 that has sent 150 French students abroad and hosted 260 foreign participants. As a board member of AFS France, an unpaid national director, and a member and treasurer of EFIL, he has contributed on many levels. A frequent student chaperone and an orientation volunteer, he is also ready to help with administrative tasks. He is currently involved in the 25th anniversary of his chapter and is applauded for his longstanding dedication to the AFS mission.



**Lorna
Szentivanyi
(New
Zealand)**

Since 1970, Lorna has served in virtually every volunteer capacity. Always ready “to go the extra mile,” she has hosted more than 15 students, and acted as a coordinator for all phases of the AFS program: hosting, orientations, school liaison, and selection. New Zealand is better for having Lorna as a volunteer. She has worked hard to maintain and build chapter strength over a period of 38 years. She is the recipient of several well-deserved awards for exemplary service from AFS New Zealand.



**Carol Ann
Zimmerman
(United
States)**

Carol founded the AFS School Club 33 years ago in Sublette, KS, where she “provides unending encouragement and an example to the students that volunteer service is more than a theoretical concept.” She has hosted 13 times, finds host families, trains liaisons, and helps with orientations. A fellow volunteer has said, “Carol Ann Zimmerman is the epitome of a grass-roots AFS volunteer—recruiter, supporter, advocate.” She is the treasurer of the Heartland Area Team and the district representative for southwestern Kansas.

AFS President Tachi Cazal said,
“The extraordinary achievements of these outstanding AFS volunteers are characteristic of the work of the thousands of AFS volunteers throughout the world. We congratulate this year’s winners and celebrate their spirit of volunteerism, which is the driving force of AFS.”

AFS Returnee Honored by
German Government

Jürgen Blankenburg: Thinking Outside the Box

An Interview by Christine Vogel



After a lifetime of dedication to both the arts and AFS, Jürgen Blankenburg—an AFS Returnee from Germany to USA—was recently awarded the Officer’s Cross of the Federal Cross of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for his lifelong engagement in the arts.

Since 1996, Jürgen Blankenburg has been chairman of the board of the *Stiftung für die Hamburger Kunstsammlungen*. Created in 1956, the Foundation has since acquired 400 great works of art for Hamburg’s museums.

After having been one of the founders of the German AFS Foundation, Jürgen has also been chairman of the AFS Foundation, Zürich, Switzerland—since its inception in 2004—an independent entity of the AFS Network that endeavors to preserve the legacy of AFS and the American Field Service.

Jürgen Blankenburg is a very interesting man. “I rather enjoy being at the center of controversy,” he shared, as he explained how the Art Circle of the German Federation of Industries, where he is also active, had first given great works of art to the war-devastated museums of Hamburg and then, after the fall of the Berlin Wall, had asked these same museums to share their collections with their counterparts in what had been the German Democratic Republic. “I believe it was the right thing to do,” he asserted, “but it was not a universally popular idea.” Besides his wife Monika—a psychiatrist, cellist, and member of the Board of the German Music Foundation—there have been two passions central to his life—art and AFS. What do these last two have in common when seen through the eyes of the man who executes both of his chairmanships with distinction? During an interview in his art-filled Hamburg home, Jürgen explained the pleasure he takes in being confronted with new ideas. He discovered this as a 17-year-old in 1952, when he was welcomed in Birmingham, AL, as an AFS post-war exchange student and experienced “affluence shock.”

“My AFS experience was preparation for the arts. The open-mindedness that was required and developed during my exchange year is the main connection. Coming from a destroyed city here in Germany, living in rubble, coming to a Southern city in the United States that had enjoyed peace since 1865, but had deep memories of war from the American Civil War—a city struggling with Civil Rights—that required a great deal of openness in order to digest quite a different world.”

“My sojourn in America had a major impact on my life.” The understated man, who radiates clarity and quiet strength, explained, “The notion that things could be seen or done differently has been central to my thinking throughout my life.”

While in Birmingham, Jürgen Blankenburg’s host father told him the importance of “getting involved.” This lesson, too, has obviously stayed with him, and he has been very successful in engaging the affluent of

Continued from page 9 Jürgen Blankenburg:
Thinking Outside the Box

Hamburg in joining him in his work on behalf of the arts.

"Where I am interested, I have to be engaged," he explained. "When I came to Hamburg, I was interested in photography, which I had been collecting. I asked to see a photo from the museum's archives, and they told me they had no room in which to show it. We collected money to renovate the museum so that they would have a gallery in which to show photographs. That was in the 1980s." Looking at the enormous art collection that covers the walls of the Blankenburg residence, I remembered the line from the *Die Welt* story about Jürgen written by Katja Engler that had run in October: The author had

observed that "Thinking outside the box is something Blankenburg puts into practice for him, the freedom of thought is at least as important as the resulting creations of mind."

As though to confirm this idea, Jürgen continued, "The arts confront us with new and unusual ideas. Artists have new ideas and make you think along unbeaten paths. You need that in many sections of your life—business, personal life, and also in AFS. Whether you are an exchange student or a member of the Board of Trustees, you have to find solutions to unique problems. Art was never the center of my life—business was, said the longtime insurance broker, manager, and business graduate. "But, you have your hobbies."

A former member of the AFS

International Board of Trustees and of AFS Germany's *Kuratorium*—an advisory board of experienced leaders in business and politics—Jürgen acknowledged how deeply his AFS experience helped to set the course of his life, "I developed lifelong friendships through AFS. I still visit my family in Birmingham each year. And my friend Uli Weiss—also an AFS Returnee, former AFS International Trustee, and founding member of the *Kuratorium*—was on my bus trip in 1952."

Before we left, Jürgen explained, "At the end of my exchange year, I was asked to stay in Birmingham. I said, 'I can't do that. I received a scholarship and I must give back to Germany.' My American father understood." ○

AFS Archives Named Founding Partner for Veterans History Project by U.S. Congress

The American Field Service Ambulance Drivers Oral History Project was named a Founding Partner of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project (VHP) on January 1, 2010. This distinction is given to organizations and institutions that have made significant contributions to the country's largest oral history program. The AFS Archives got national recognition for this project and the American Field Service is now included as a Founding Partner on the VHP website. The United States Congress created the Veterans History Project in 2000.



AFS Archives
Founding
Partner
certificate from
the Library
of Congress
Veterans History
Project, January
2010.

The AFS Ambulance Drivers Oral History Project was launched in January of 1999 to further the Archives, mission of preserving the AFS founders' legacy. Since then, we have been recording stories of AFS Ambulance Drivers, Volunteers, Returnees, and former staff on audiotape and videotape and renamed the project the AFS Legacy Project to reflect its broader focus. As a result of this initiative, we have produced a DVD documenting the

AFS drivers' history entitled "Many Voices, One Story: AFS Drivers Remember." Since 2002, the Archives has been named an official partner in the Library of Congress Veterans History Project.

The AFS Archives would like to thank all who participated in the AFS Legacy Project and shared their recollections. We are also very grateful for donations of documentation that perpetuate the memory and spirit of AFS volunteers.

AFS WWII Ambulance Drivers Last Post



**Thayer M.
Kingsley
(1924-2010)**
IB 1, FR 8

Thayer Mallory Kingsley passed away on January 7, 2010, in Mystic, CT. Kingsley was born in Brooklyn, NY, on July 22, 1924. He joined the American Field Service and served in India and Burma, and the campaign to liberate France and Germany in 1943-1945. He was a longtime member of the New York Yacht Club and his international sailing career included numerous Newport, Bermuda, and Fastnet races. Kingsley's partner, Mayburn Koss, survives him.



**Donald L.
Parmelee
(1919-2010)**
IB 58

Donald Latt Parmelee died on February 13, 2010, in Paducah, KY. Born in Syracuse, NY, on May 20, 1919, Parmelee served as an ambulance driver in the American Field Service in India and Burma in 1945. Parmelee had a long career with General Electric, where he worked on projects from the Minuteman missile system to the Apollo 11 project. His son Brian, his daughter Eileen Segebarth, six grandchildren, stepchildren, and step-grandchildren survive him.



**Clayton A.
Latshaw
(1923-2009)**
IB 43

Clayton Albert Latshaw passed away on November 10, 2009, in Spring City, PA. Born in Philadelphia on November 7, 1923, Latshaw served as an ambulance driver in the American Field Service in India and Burma, 1944-45. A lifelong educator, Latshaw taught in the Owen J. Roberts School District for 37 years. Surviving him are his wife Betty E. Latshaw, sons Paul and David, a daughter Betty, five grandchildren, and brother Robert.



**Edward
R. Meyers
(1924-2009)**
CM 86,
IB 60-T

Edward Raymond Meyers of Springfield, MA, passed away on May 4, 2009. Meyers was born in New York City, NY, on January 31, 1924, and served with the American Field Service in Italy, France, Germany, and India and Burma in 1944-45. He participated in the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany. A career U.S. Army veteran, Meyers served in the Korean conflict and Vietnam.



**Bernard M.
Raphael
(1922-2010)**
CM 48

Bernard Malcolm Raphael passed away on February 2, 2010, in High Point, NC. Born in Dilworth, MN, on November 24, 1922, Raphael served as an AFS ambulance driver in Italy in 1943-45. He was a co-owner of Archdale Manufacturing, retiring in 1988. He is survived by his wife Glenda Dickens Raphael, daughter Melissa Otterman, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and niece Carol Wehage.



**Henry M.
Wagner
(1924-2010)**
CM 41

Henry Milton Wagner passed away on February 14, 2010, in Shady Side, MD. Born in Baltimore, MD, on January 1, 1924, Wagner was attached to AFS 485 Ambulance Company in Italy in 1943-45. He attended the 1995 AFS Driver Reunion in Williamsburg, VA. He is survived by daughter Dorothy Julian, sons David, Michael, Daniel, and Stephen, and seven grandchildren.



**David V.
Uihlein
(1920-2010)**
CM 97

David Vogel Uihlein, a generous donor to AFS for many years, passed away on January 29, 2010, in Mequon, WI. Born in Milwaukee, WI, on July 27, 1920, Uihlein served as an ambulance driver in the American Field Service in Italy, Austria, and India and Burma during 1945. A businessman, he carried on his family's heritage in the brewing industry. He is survived by his wife Margery Holley Uihlein, his children Lynde Bradley Uihlein and David Vogel Uihlein, Jr., five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

"Anne Morgan's War: Rebuilding Devastated France, 1917-1924"

Exhibit Coming to the Morgan
Library & Museum, New York City

The exhibition "Anne Morgan's War: Rebuilding Devastated France, 1917-1924" will premiere at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, MO, on May 3, 2010, and be presented in New York City at the Morgan Library & Museum from September 3 to November 21. The Florence Guild Foundation, who has supported the American Field Service Archives in the past, is one of the sponsors.

Elaine Uzan Leary, executive director of the American Friends of Blérancourt, Inc., said, "This rare exhibit of original photographs and film were commissioned by Anne Morgan to raise funds to rebuild Picardy following WWI. Anne Morgan's work has gone virtually unknown to Americans until the arrival of this traveling exhibit. She was a remarkable model of American philanthropy, leadership, and war relief. Time has



come to become re-acquainted with our efforts to aid the French during WWI and the ensuing friendship between our two countries."

The exhibit, organized by the Franco-American Museum, Château de Blérancourt, France, brings to life the extraordinary work of 350 American women, all volunteers, who left comfortable lives in the United States to help the war-ravaged civilian population of northeastern France. Anne Morgan, daughter of financier J. Pierpont Morgan, collected private funds and, in 1917, founded the American Committee for Devastated France (CARD). By March 1918, the committee had helped 800 families or 2,300 people to become self-sufficient.

Greenville Keogh, an AFS Section 8 ambulance driver, Anne Vanderbilt, Anne Morgan, and A. Platt Andrew, Paris, ca. 1917.

Anne Morgan issued a weekly bulletin, "Under Two Flags," and commissioned photographs to document the activities of CARD. The Franco-American Museum at Blérancourt was created after World War I by Anne Morgan and is today a French national museum devoted to the history of friendship and cooperation between the United States and France. AFS ties with the museum go back to World War I when Anne Morgan first got acquainted with the work of the American Field Service ambulance drivers in France. In 1938, AFS contributed a selection of its war memorabilia and an AFS Section 30 Ford ambulance to the Pavilion of American Volunteers in the museum.

The exhibition at the Morgan Library & Museum will illustrate how Anne Morgan and her colleagues cannily employed the media of film and photography to publicize their work and instigate social action.